

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT KNOXVILLE

JOHNNY OWINGS, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. )  
NANCY A. BERRYHILL, ) No. 3:18-CV-7-HBG  
Acting Commissioner of Social Security, )  
Defendant. )

## **ORDER**

Having received the joint stipulation [Doc. 30] of the parties in the matter pending now before the Court and upon review of the record, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that attorney fees in the amount of \$5,820.00 be paid to Plaintiff under the Equal Access to Justice Act (“EAJA”), 28 U.S.C. § 2412(d). In accordance with *Astrue v. Ratliff*, 560 U.S. 586 (2010), the EAJA fee is payable to Plaintiff as the litigant and may be subject to offset to satisfy a pre-existing debt that the litigant owes to the United States. The parties have agreed that Plaintiff has assigned any award of legal fees to her attorneys. If Plaintiff owes no debt to the United States, the payment of EAJA fees can be made to Plaintiff’s attorney per the assignment.

ENTER:

Bruce Gant  
United States Magistrate Judge